

Remarks

This Response is in reply to a telephone conference between the undersigned and the Examiner on September 2, 2004 and an Office Action mailed September 3, 2004 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-12 and 20-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as "not enabled with respect to the scope of an adverse post natal environment is maintained." Office Action, page 2.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-28 and have replaced them with new claims 29-46. During the telephone conversation, the Examiner indicated that claims drawn to methods of treating low birth weight children with later hypertension, without growth hormone deficiency to reduce systolic blood pressure might be allowable. Applicants have prepared new claims drawn to those aspects of the invention.

Based on the claims presented herein, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendment and find the claims allowable. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with the undersigned Attorney would be helpful in addressing these issues, the undersigned invites the Examiner to call at the telephone number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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